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Commissioners
Arizona Corporation Commission

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Docket Number: E-01345A-16-0036 *TE-01345A-16-0123*

I am writing to urge you to say no to the proposed APS rate hike.

As an APS customer, the need for APS to invest in costly generation, transmission and distribution is reduced when I reduce my electricity use. However, if APS increases its monthly fixed fee, consumers who work hard to conserve energy and be more energy efficient can't do anything to reduce that fee. That isn't fair. Please oppose any increase to the basic service charge.

Please also vote no on mandatory residential demand charges. I appreciate that the Commission did not approve these charges in its recent decisions on the UNS Electric and TEP rate cases. Please continue that trend. Charging consumers for the maximum amount of demand used in only one hour of the month is likely to increase what consumers pay each month and decrease incentives to reduce energy use.

Ever since I've become an APS customer in 2004 and up until their customers, including myself, began installing solar panels I'd received flyers urging me to "go green", but APS never turned that message into an incentive to offer their customers the solar option. As the years have passed and their revenue has dropped secondary to more folks switching to solar, they've tried to make their solar customers pay more because we use the "grid". This is just one more way for APS to make those of us who have switched to solar energy pay higher rates as well as now dragging their fossil fuel energy dependent customers into the net as well.

Please say no to unfair utility charges.

Sincerely, Norma West

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